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In re Application of:  
Shai-San Gong, et al.

Before the Examiner:  
Lilian Vo

Serial No.: 09/316,754

Group Art Unit: 2127

Filed: May 21, 1999

Title: EFFICIENT SCHEMA FOR  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of November 13, 2003 (Paper No. 9), with a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on February 13, 2004, please reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following remarks:

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

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